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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09 667,284  
 PRIOR FILING DATE 22 September 2000  
 INVENTORS Thomas D. Dickson, Jr. et al.  
 ASSIGNEE K-TEC, Inc.  
 PRIOR GROUP PART UNIT 1761  
 PRIOR EXAMINER Drew E. Becker  
 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 46264.0002  
 TITLE "Blending Station Apparatus and Method"

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)**

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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This is a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 09 667,284 filed on 22 September 2000, entitled "Blending Station Apparatus and Method."

1. The above-identified prior application is a complete, non-provisional application as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b).
2. The filing of this CPA is being done before the earliest of:
  - (a) Payment of the issue fee on the prior application;
  - (b) Abandonment of the prior application; or
  - (c) Termination of proceedings in the prior application.
3. The present CPA application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application.
4. The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA.

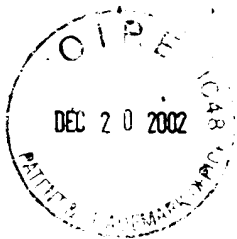
5. An Amendment is enclosed.
6. A small entity statement was filed in the prior Nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
7. A Certificate of Express Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is included.
8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the \$370.00 government fee, and to charge any necessary payments or credit any applicable fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 20 DECEMBER 2002



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AMENDMENT

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